

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-10 (cancelled).

11. (new) A disc brake for a commercial vehicle having a caliper which, in use, straddles a brake disc that is brought into an operative connection with brake pads, the caliper being axially displaceable relative to the brake disc, the disc brake comprising:

at least one closing plate which, in use, closes off an opening in the caliper that, in use, faces the brake disc;

a detachable retaining clamp, which is stationarily arranged with respect to the caliper and which, in use, supports springs acting upon the brake pads; and

wherein the closing plate includes a holding device in which a facing end of the retaining clamp rests while being held in a loading direction.

12. (new) The disc brake according to claim 11, wherein the holding device comprises an open slot into which the facing end of the retaining clamp is fitted.

13. (new) The disc brake according to claim 12, wherein the open slot is bounded on at least one side by a rib bent so as to extend at an angle from a plane of the closing plate.

14. (new) The disc brake according to claim 13, wherein the rib completely surrounds the open slot in an enclosed manner.

15. (new) The disc brake according to claim 12, wherein the slot has a pocket-shaped design and a closed bottom.

16. (new) The disc brake according to claim 11, wherein the holding device comprises a lug of the closing plate, which lug is bounded by a three-sided wall.

17. (new) The disc brake according to claim 16, wherein the lug extends in a planar manner with a remaining adjoining area of the closing plate.

18. (new) The disc brake according to claim 11, wherein the holding device of the closing plate is formed via a punching operation.

19. (new) The disc brake according to claim 11, wherein a dimension and contour of the holding device corresponds to a dimension and contour of the end of the retaining clamp.

20. (new) The disc brake according to claim 11, wherein edge areas of the closing plate adjacent to the holding device are provided at least in areas with a rib.

21. (new) An apparatus for securing a disc brake detachable retaining clamp, which detachable retaining clamp is fixed relative to a caliper and on which springs acting upon brake pads are supported, the apparatus comprising:
a closing plate configured to close off an opening in the caliper which, in use, faces a brake disc; and

wherein the closing plate includes a fixing device in which is arranged an end of the detachable retaining clamp so as to be held in a loading direction of the detachable retaining clamp.

22. (new) The apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the fixing device is formed as a slot in which the end of the detachable retaining clamp is fitted.

23. (new) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the slot is bounded on at least one side by a rib bent at an angle with respect to a plane of the closing plate.

24. (new) The apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the rib completely surrounds the slot.
25. (new) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the slot has a pocket-shaped design including a closed bottom.
26. (new) The apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the fixing device is formed as a lug on the closing plate, which lug is bounded by a three-sided wall, one side of which is arranged in the loading direction.
27. (new) The apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the lug extends in a planar manner with respect to an adjoining area of the closing plate.
28. (new) The apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the closing plate includes at least one opening so as to allow a brake application device arranged in the caliper to act upon the brake pads.
29. (new) The apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the fixing device of the closing plate is formed by punching.
30. (new) The apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the closing plate is a metal closing plate including a punched hole fixing device.